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Releases Schedule of Public Input Hearings in Drawing Congressional and Legislative Districts

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The 14 member California's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission will hold public input hearings throughout the state beginning April 9 in Redding. The Commission was created by voters to draw state Congressional, Legislative and Board of Equalization districts.

Public participation in drawing these districts is critical to ensuring that communities have the strongest voice possible to express their preferences. When voters with similar interests are drawn into a district together, their voices multiply giving them a greater opportunity to express their views, elect candidates of their choice and hold their leaders accountable..

The Commission is taking testimony from area residents throughout California before drawing its first round of draft maps which will be released in June. Final district maps must be certified by the Commission by August 15th.

Anyone wishing to speak at the meetings should note that comments are limited to 3-5 minutes (depending on the number who wish to speak).

Please visit the Commission's website at www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov as more information and helpful tools will become available and be posted before the hearings.

Agendas, reports and records are available in alternative formats upon request. To order information or request an agenda in an alternative format, please contact the Commission office at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting to ensure availability. If a Sign Language Interpreter, aids for the visually impaired, or Alternative Listening Devices (ALD's) are required, please also contact the Commission office at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting to ensure availability. The Commission office can be reached by phone (866) 356-5217 (voice) or by email at votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov.

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California's first Citizens Redistricting Commission is a new 14-member Commission charged with redrawing California's Senate, Assembly, State Board of Equalization, and Congressional districts based on information gathered during the 2010 census. The Commission must draw the State Senate, Assembly, State Board of Equalization, and Congressional districts in conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules designed to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians.